



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Cherokee County School District School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 9,088  
 Superintendent: Dr. Quincie L. Moore  
 Board Chair: Mike Ellis

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2011	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	5	15	1	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## PASS

PASS	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	64.9%	66.6%	60.2%	60.4%	68.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.8%	72.1%	69.4%	72.4%	71.5%
Average District	74.9%	74.3%	72.1%	74.8%	74.0%

PASS	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	34.2%	29.2%	15.3%	19.4%	28.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	38.8%	33.4%	22.4%	31.4%	33.8%
Average District	42.7%	36.3%	24.8%	34.6%	37.3%

## HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	76.8%	9.5%	13.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.3%	13.3%	9.4%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	92.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.6%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	57.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	67.1%

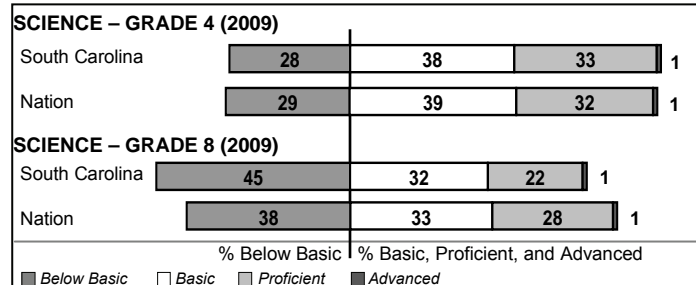
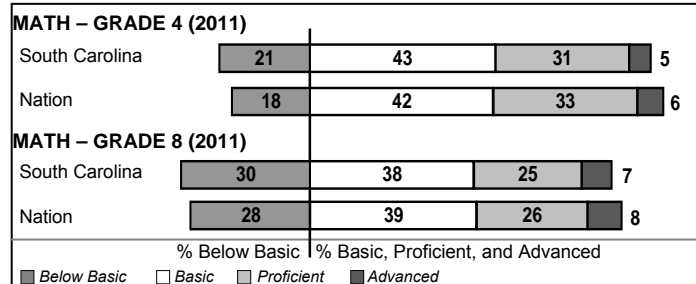
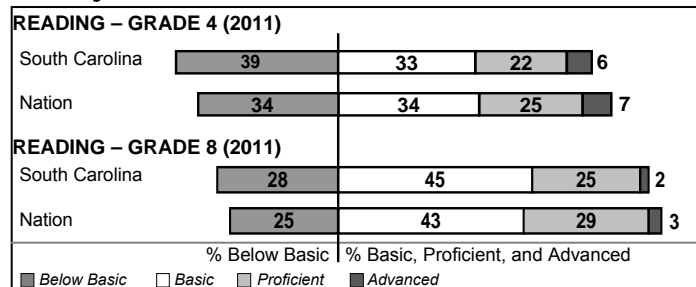
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	79.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.1%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

### Abbreviations Key

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# Cherokee County School District School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=9,088)</b>				
Retention rate	2.0%	Up from 1.8%	2.2%	2.0%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 96.2%	96.0%	96.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 0.4%	0.4%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.3%	Up from 12.5%	10.1%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	48.5%	Down from 52.9%	50.5%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	62.0%	Up from 52.6%	32.3%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	138	Down from 159	74	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	116	Down from 120	39	31
Annual dropout rate	3.5%	Up from 0.8%	3.1%	2.7%
<b>Teachers (n=611)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.9%	Up from 61.1%	63.1%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	92.8%	Up from 92.7%	91.5%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.8%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,549	Up 4.0%	\$46,906	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.5%	Up from 0.2%	1.9%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	11.5 days	Up from 9.0 days	13.0 days	12.4 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	0.5	Down from 1.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.5 to 1	Up from 21.4 to 1	21.9 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Up from 90.2%	89.7%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,304	Up 0.1%	\$8,997	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.7%	Down from 55.9%	52.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.3%	Down from 57.9%	54.9%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No Change	9	9
Portable classrooms	1.4%	Down from 1.5%	1.0%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	19.0	No Change	9.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	95.4%	Up from 91.8%	99.4%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$78,339	Up 6.7%	\$77,594	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	72.3	N/A	85.4	85.6

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Cherokee County Public Schools had another great year serving our students.

Cherokee County School District was pleased to learn that fourteen district schools received 2011-2012 Palmetto Gold or Silver Awards for performance or Closing the Achievement Gap. Blacksburg High and Gaffney High earned Palmetto Gold Closing the Gap Achievement Awards and Palmetto Gold awards for General Performance. The Cherokee Technology Center earned a Gold Award for General Performance. Palmetto Silver General Performance Awards were earned by Corinth, Draytonville, Goucher, B.D. Lee, Blacksburg Elementary, Limestone-Central, Grassy Pond and Northwest along with Gaffney Middle, Granard Middle and Blacksburg Middle.

The Gaffney High School JROTC Unit received the Distinguished Unit for 2011-2012 from the United States Air Force. They have received this award for nine consecutive years. CMSgt. Randall Byars received the AFJROTC Outstanding Instructor award. The AFJROTC was also awarded the 2012 Volunteer Organization Leadership Award from the South Carolina State Special Olympics.

Three members of the class of 2012 graduated from high school with 12 years of perfect attendance. Also, the graduates earned \$12,768,624 in scholarship offers. Thirty-one eighth grade students earned Junior Scholar recognition for PSAT scores. Three seventh grade students were recognized as Duke TIP scholars. A Gaffney High student was recognized as a commended Student for 2012 by the National Merit Scholarship Program. A number of students won first, second, or third place in art and essay contests, band or cheerleading competitions, and other tournaments on the local and state levels. The GHS Boys' Basketball team won the 4-A State Championship.

Gaffney High School was recognized as a High Schools That Work (HSTW) Platinum High Achievement School. Schools identified as Platinum High Achievement Schools met seven criteria. These criteria include such things as a graduation rate of 85 percent or higher and achievement of "High Schools That Work High Implementation" status.

Mrs. Virginia Scates was named District Teacher of the Year. Mr. Noah Lindemann was recognized by the South Carolina Art Education Association as the Middle School Art Teacher of the Year. The district has over 45 National Board Certified Teachers and continues to recruit highly qualified instructors in all areas of instruction.

Many factors contributed to a successful year: student effort, teacher dedication, parent support, and community help and input. We appreciate the effort, assistance, and support from everyone in making 2011-2012 a very successful school year for the students and staff of the Cherokee County School District.

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 11/07/12-1101999